Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Community health centers are a key component of South Dakota's health care system, delivering high quality, cost-effective, and accessible primary care regardless of patients' insurance coverage or ability to pay; and,

Whereas, Health centers offer patient-focused, coordinated health care – preventive and primary care that families and individuals need, where and when they need it; and,

Whereas, Health centers employ a multi-disciplinary clinical team designed to treat the whole patient, coordinating care and managing chronic disease, at the same time reducing unnecessary, avoidable, and wasteful use of health resources; and,

Whereas, The health centers go beyond primary medical care and provide behavioral and dental health, along with case management and enabling services to ensure care is provided in an efficient and timely manner; and,

Whereas, Community health centers are locally controlled by patient-majority boards and are responsive to local community needs; and,

Whereas, Six community health center organizations operate clinic sites in 30 South Dakota communities: Alcester, Elk Point, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Howard, Bryant, De Smet, Lake Preston, Martin, Mission, Plankinton, Springfield, Wessington Springs, White River, Woonsocket, Isabel, Bison, Eagle Butte, Faith, McIntosh, Ridgeview, Fort Pierre, Gettysburg, Highmore, Murdo, Onida, Pierre, and Presho; and,

Whereas, National Health Center Week is observed each year to recognize America's health centers for delivering vital primary care services to help keep individuals and communities healthy and productive:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 11-17, 2013, as

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State